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COMMITTED SUICIDE.

WEST BOUND UNION PACIFIC KILLS A MAN.

Frank O'Mara Throws Himself In Front of Union Pacific Engine and Is Instantly Killed.

The westbound Union Pacific passenger last Thursday ran over and killed a man walking on the track half a mile from Kansas Falls, the siding between Junction City and Chapman. John McMahon, the engineer, saw him and says the man threw himself in front of the engine just as the train reached him. The entire train ran over the body, mangleing it horribly and cutting it badly and tearing every particle of clothing off after dragging it 1,000 yards. The head was found more than a thousand yards from the body.

On the remains as they were gathered up were found a letter recommending Frank O'Mara as cook, a key to the Smith house, Junction City, and a Junction City bread check. There was no other identifications. The pieces of the body were carried to Chapman and left for further orders.

No blame attaches to the engineer as the man was plainly a suicide.

BOUGHT DEATH IN EARNEST.

Body of O'Mara, the Suicide, Taken to Junction City.

CHAPMAN, March 23.—As the suicide of W. J. O'Mara, killed by the westbound Union Pacific passenger train yesterday, occurred in Geary county, the remains, brought here on the train, were this morning taken back to Junction for the inquest and interment. O'Mara has been working as a cook in Frey's restaurant in Junction for some time but has no relatives in this part of the west so far as known. He was in some way thought to be implicated in the suicide of a woman in Junction City a week ago and was placed in jail, afterward being released. He has been on a drunk for four days. Yesterday morning he rode out in the country with a doctor but suddenly jumped from the buggy and took a course across fields. He reached the railroad track and threw himself in front of the train.

O'Mara Coroner's Inquest.

Junction City Union: At the inquest held on Sunday at 10 a. m. nothing new was brought out regarding the death of Billy O'Mara. Engineer McMahon testified that he saw a man ahead of him two or three minutes before the train reached him. Just before the train reached O'Mara he made a plunge and landed in front of the engine. His head was cut off, body chopped in two, both legs severed and otherwise mangled. The fireman did not see the men. The jury exonerated the engine crew.

O'Mara had two nickles, a key and a few bread checks in his pockets. He is thought to have a brother in Colorado.

Decoration Day Speaker.

R. T. Cline, principal of Hope schools, has accepted an invitation from Abilene post, G. A. R., to deliver the Decoration day address.

Card of Thanks.

The relatives and friends of Dr. J. M. Steelsmith wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the people of Abilene for kindness during the burial and services of the deceased.

Pleurisy

Pleurisy and pneumonia are acute inflammations of the lungs, and if not promptly allayed, the worst may happen. The celebrated Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup speedily allays inflammation of the lungs and effects a cure in a wonderfully short time.

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REV. CRAWFORD TO ARGENTINE

Rev. E. R. Brown of Clay Center Comes to Abilene.

KANSAS CITY, Kas., March 26.—The appointments of the Methodist conference were read today. Rev. S. A. Bright, formerly of Leavenworth, is to be presiding elder of the Junction City district which includes Dickinson county. Rev. W. A. Crawford of Abilene is stationed at Argentine; Rev. Edwin R. Brown formerly of Clay Center is stationed at Abilene; Rev. W. H. Underwood formerly presiding elder, goes to Barnes; Enterprise, S. D. Vincent; Hope, H. H. Fowler; Chapman, J. T. Thacker; Talmage to be supplied.

INSANE ON THE CARS.

Old Man With a Gun Terrifies the Passengers.

HERINGTON, Mar. 25.—A man about 50 years old, who had apparently gone suddenly insane, left his seat in the smoker of the southbound Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train at 4 o'clock Saturday morning and began swinging a revolver threatening to shoot every passenger who did not leave the car.

Passengers quickly began leaving the car, but they were not rapid enough to suit the old man, and he began firing through the windows.

The women and children were locked in a car next to the sleeper and train officials were posted on the platform to keep local passengers from boarding the train till an officer could be summoned to arrest the old man, who kept walking back and forth through the cars brandishing his gun and saying that he was the sheriff of Sumner county. Before an officer arrived the old man left the train and disappeared among the bluffs on a creek near by. He got on the train at Topeka at 1 o'clock and gave the conductor a ticket to Zyba, a small station in Sumner county above Wellington.

TEST CORONER LAW.

Question About Fees of Jurors the Issue in a Law Suit.

The board of county commissioners of Shawnee county is the plaintiff in a suit just filed in the district court in which the amount involved in the petition is only \$1. It is in reality a test case to try the question of the fees of the jurors in inquest cases.

The suit is brought by L. M. Carter, who was one of the jurors who served at the inquest over the body of Walter Roof on February 8. The inquest began on one afternoon but the verdict was not rendered until the following morning, and each of the jurors put in a bill against the county for two days' service at \$1 per day. County Attorney Fagan allowed only \$1 to each man, and this is why Mr. Carter has brought his suit against the county for the other dollar.

The law simply says that jurors on inquests shall receive a fee of one dollar, but it does not specify \$1 per day. Mr. Fagan holds that the \$1 fee covers the entire inquest, but the jurors claimed it was a per diem fee. Mr. Fagan offered to pay the costs of the suit if the case was brought into court and the county should be beaten.

More Appointments.

In addition to the principal Methodist appointments for this section telegraphed exclusively to the Reflector Tuesday the following will be of interest:

Rev. W. H. Zimmerman remains presiding elder of the Lawrence district; J. T. Mayor, Council Grove; E. H. Parkinson, Clifton; N. T. Peddyard, Carlton; C. G. Bear, Green; John Cook, Maple Hill; J. S. Ford, Sabetha.

Rebecca Lodge Officers.

The following were elected and installed officers of Abilene Rebecca Lodge No. 375, I. O. O. F. last Monday: Mrs. Lizzie Hassler, N. G.; Miss Emma Hasshagen, V. G.; Mrs. Ella Gates, Sec.; Mrs. Augusta Hees, Treas.; H. Hassler, R. S.; Mrs. C. Hasshagen, L. S.; Mrs. N. J. Hutchins, Chap.; Miss E. Hasshagen, Con.; Miss O. O. Hersh, W.; Mrs. M. Jaymes, I. G.; Mr. M. Witt, O. G.; Mr. Joel Hersh, R. S.; Miss M. L. Campbell, L. S.

The lodge starts out under most favorable auspices.

The Recital.

This city is under great obligations to Mrs. M. H. Hewett and the Polymnia club for the delightful entertainment Monday night—the recital by Mr. Ernest Gamble, basso, and Charles Wilbur MacDonald, pianist. It was a surprise of the kind that is very rare in this vicinity. We have grown accustomed to expect so much and receive so little in musical ways that something in the line of genuine art is quite overwhelming in effect. It demonstrated one thing that many have forgotten or have never learned and that is the power of true art to please all, regardless of special training.

Mr. Gamble has a magnificent voice, rich, deep, melodious and emotional. Not an eye was dry when he sang "The Sands of Dee" and brought out the wonderful pathos of the line, "And never home came she."

All that he sang, and did, seemed the perfection of art. And Mr. MacDonald was equally great at the piano. Not as much was expected from him as from Mr. Gamble, and consequently the surprise was very pleasing. His technique and interpretations were faultless and there was an air of mastery about his work, as well as the singer's, that inspired confidence and admiration. These artists should be in the high school course for next year.

Mr. Gamble won the hearts of his audience by failing to sing "Break the News to Mother." He is the first singer in two years who has missed it. He also won a lot of hearts by his appearance—it is going to be hard work for the Abilene boys for a while because they cannot live up to his looks. He is a prize beauty with a rapt and angelic countenance that fairly captivated the young ladies. Mr. MacDonald is also a good deal of an attraction. They appear six or seven times on their way to New York. There they will give a recital in the Waldorf Astoria. It cost \$75 to get them here but the Polymnia club paid expenses and cleared \$20.

The Polymnia club, led by Mrs. Niesley, prefaced the recital with a chorus, thoroughly enjoyed. The piano used on the occasion was a handsome Estey, donated by J. Fred Broughton from his music store and it perfectly responded to the severe test given it.

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MEDALS ARE BEAUTIES.

Soldiers Will Be Remembered Next Month.

Dept. Commander Coulter has received enough money to buy 600 medals made from Spanish cannon for 20th Kansas soldiers and they will be here next month. The medals are beauties.

Commander Coulter will send the medals of deceased soldiers to their next of kin, and the others will be sent to the committees in charge of the local fund, by them to be presented to the owners with whatever ceremony may be decided upon.

Commander Coulter will order more medals when he has money to pay for them. The cost of medals for all is \$2,500. About half that sum has been raised. Much of the money was contributed by school children. Topeka did not give a cent. Abilene should see that enough is contributed to fit out every member of Co. L.

RECENT REFLECTIONS.

—T. C. Bliff, of Talmage, a wealthy farmer, is looking for a house and will move to Abilene.

—Floyd Truss aged 3 years died at the county farm yesterday and was buried this afternoon.

—Two big draft horses used at the Longford stucco mill got on the track and were killed by a Santa Fe freight Monday.

—The Abilene National has two new handsome brass signs that are truly metropolitan—nothing finer in the state.

R. V. Dyer was up from Woodbine. He will probably be a candidate for the Republican nomination for superintendent of schools.

—Colt Flora and Charley Hadden, of Manchester, left Monday morning in a prairie schooner for a prospecting trip to Oklahoma.

—The Santa Fe has joined the procession and has a Brown telephone. It can now be reached by the busi-

ness men of town. The Western Union is yet out in the cold.

—A telegram received by Mrs. L. Geauque announces the death of her niece, Mrs. Robert Streby, at Council Grove. Mrs. Streby was formerly Miss Dora Cobb of this city.

—Married, March 20, 1900, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. H. Smith, Miss Zadle, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Brown, of Herington, to Mr. Fred C. Kent, of Lincoln, Neb.

—According to the Junction City Union the new extra train on the Union Pacific will go west at 1 p. m. and east at 2:30 p. m. The west bound train now reaching here at 3:20 will be 30 minutes earlier.

—Salton has artificial ice manufactured at its ice plant. These are the prices per month: 10 lb daily, \$2; 15 lbs daily, \$2.75; 20 lbs daily, \$3.50; 25 lbs daily, \$4.25. Artificial ice will go about three times as far as natural ice.

—Says a Newton paper: "Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Follett entertained friends last evening with a new card game. It is called '63' and is practically the same as high five with additions." It then goes on with a half column description of this "new" game. The game has been common in Abilene for two years. Newton is pretty slow.

—One of the most interesting places to visit is D. R. Gorden's sheep ranch on Mud creek south of town. He has 400 Merino and Shropshire ewes and about 200 lambs, all doing fine and as pretty as a picture. He is breeding to Shropshire for mutton and wool and with the present high prices of both commodities promises to make a handsome profit.

—The Rock Island passenger department has just published a new idea in advertising. The new scheme has been copyrighted, and shows in addition to the schedule time, a map denoting by dark and light shading what portion of a par-

ticular journey is passed over in the night and what portion in the day. It is a simple plan. If you had thought of it you could have sold it for \$1,000. That's what the inventor got.

Literary Notes.

Among the features of Scribner's Magazine for April, the animal story by Ernest Steton-Thompson, illustrated by him, will attract the large audience which has been fascinated by "Wild Animals I Have Known." In this story is given the life and adventures of a curious little animal of the southwest, known as the Kangaroo Rat.

"A Missionary in the Great West," by Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady; "The Choir Boys of England," by Julian Ralph; "The Mysteries of the Century," "Behind the Scenes During a Play," "College Girls' Larks and Pranks," give an idea of the varied excellence of the April Ladies' Home Journal. Of course, Rudyard Kipling's "Just So" story, "The Elephant's Child," narrating with delightful humor how the elephant got his trunk, will be sought first and heartily enjoyed.

The April Atlantic opens—very appropriately to the season—with An Acadian Easter, a series of striking lyrics by Francis Sherman, commemorative of the fate of castle La Tour and its fair commander on Easter Sunday 250 years ago. George F. Parker, U. S. Consul at Birmingham, England, gives an inside view by an experienced observer of the character and weaknesses of Consular System; the status and duties of consuls.

Shifting Soil.

Real Estate Transfers, Reported by Abbe & Ellison Abstractors: J. P. Cadden to J. S. Reiff lots 2 4 6 8 10 14 on 5th at Solomon, \$1000. J. B. Edwards to Mary E. Edwards pt sec 16-13-2, \$1. Phebe B. Huston to H. Kendrick 8 lts in bk 19 Woodbine, \$800. Dickinson Co to J. Y. Cryderman lot 101 on 6th at Solomon, \$7.50.



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